

ANNOUNCEMENTS *for the good of the church*

August 11, 2024

Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God by Rachel Harter & Hitch Havill, in honor and memory of loved ones by Linda Foreman, and in honor of Ted and Diana Dominick's anniversary by the Dominick's.

If you would like to make a recognition through the altar flowers, please stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium for a form in the lower box. Sign-up for the day(s) you would like and turn in your request form(s) which should indicate your announcement for the bulletin. Payment (\$40) at least one week in advance. If you have any questions, please speak to a staff person.

Growing Thru Grief

Offers grief support to those grieving the loss of a loved one. Meetings are at 4-6PM, all are welcome.

August Schedule

August 13 "Together on This Road We Travel," with Lynn Heath
August 20 "Loss Poems to Better Weather Waves of Grief," with Vivian Harris
August 27 "Mediators of Mourning," with Lindsay Gallo

PASTA for PARKTOWN!

Help Stock St. Paul's Shelf at Parktown Food Hub!

Donate boxes of dry pasta to the bin beneath the bulletin board in the Atrium. These boxes are given to hungry families at the Parktown area by the Food Hub. The Women's Connection Group is leading this initiative and it is accomplished through your generosity.

Working Adult Group

Upcoming events for our working adult group, contact Megan Cunningham for details:

August: Picnic at Lake Crabtree Saturday, August 17th, noon. Please reach out to Megan Cunningham at mcunni16@gmail.com to provide your headcount and dish. Anyone can join, there are no restrictions. Please note the bulletin boards down the Whitesell Hall hallways has all the activities for the remainder of 2024

Lunch with "You Can Vote!"

On August 25, 2024, the Social Ministry committee will host a Lunch & Learn event about the 2024 election. Following 11:00 am worship, we'll serve a light lunch before hearing a short presentation by Kate Fellman, head of the Durham chapter of YouCanVote (YCV). This non-partisan, volunteer organization works to educate and enable all citizens to vote. Ms. Fellman will talk with us about voter registration, voter outreach, and election information. She'll describe YCV's well-organized on-line training. To quote from their website

"We train and mobilize volunteers to effectively share information about upcoming elections, help voters to register and understand their rights, and remind voters when and where to cast their ballot."

Bee Ellertson, Joan Pepper, and Steve Mzyk

The Women of the ELCA is offering some information to consider this election year.

As we prepare for this election year it is good to think about our role in politics. If you are interested please go to this link:

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Calledtobepolitical.pdf>

Worship Notes

We will continue using "Now the Feast and Celebration" setting until September 15. On September 15 we will switch back to Setting One in the ELW

Pastor's Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark

will resume on Thursday Mornings at 10:30am, August 22, 2024.

The study will resume with Chapter 10. Notes will be emailed a few days prior to the 22nd.

Dropped Stich: On Break Until September

Tongue and Thimble

Our quilting group creates small quilts which are distributed to nurseries at local hospitals for critical patients. They meet downstairs in the Fiber Arts/ Music room in Genesis Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 10 AM to 12 PM.

In Need of People August 24th to help spread mulch in the playground.

9AM-11PM Bring a garden rake, work gloves, pitchfork and wheelbarrow if you have them.

In Need: Funeral Reception Committee Members

Those listed would not be expected to help with every funeral, but agree to being asked to help in one of a variety of ways, including: Set-up (usually done the day before), Food Donation, Pre-Reception Preparation (day of), Serving, Clean-up, and/or Laundry.

If you are interested or have any questions, contact Martha Dahl at mjdahlhouse@gmail.com or call 847 612 6687

The Creation Care Committee invites you to participate in a session of "This Week", a three part documentary and discussion experience that focuses on environmental and global challenges and how we can meet them. A healthy and positive future is possible, so let's see how we can do our part! This is a group experience that can be done in person.

We're offering these in-person sessions:

- August 6,7,8th at 7 pm - 8:30 pm
- August 11th at 12:15 pm (after church; lunch will be served), August 13 at 7 pm and August 18 at 12:15

Please email tina.bessias@email.com to sign up or suggest an alternate time.

Rally Day: September 8th, 2024

During the Sunday School hour we will be hosting St. Paul's Ministry Fair, where you will get the opportunity to see all the ministries available to you, and learn more on how you can participate. For any questions or interest in helping, please reach out to Megan Cunningham at mcunni16@gmail.com

August Wednesday Night Meal August 28 at 6pm

From the Preschool

It's that time of year to re-link your VIC Card to the pre-school! Linked VIC Cards allow the preschool to receive a percentage of your sales from Harris Teeter. Our number is **3049** and can be linked at any Harris Teeter or online. Friends and family may link too!

Attention, calling all potential children's Sunday school teachers.

This will be our last year as lead Sunday school teachers (September 2024-May 2025). To ensure the future of children's Sunday school and a smooth transition, we would like some interested volunteers to assist this year. Come get acquainted with the youngest members of St. Paul's and see what Sunday School is all about. It's time for some fresh teachers with fresh ideas to shepherd the little ones.

Please let us know if you have any questions or are interested in helping with this vital ministry of the church.

In Need of People to Lead Session(s) for Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School sessions start back up on Sunday, September 15th. We are looking for people excited to lead a session or 2 on our series "Dwelling in the Word" where we will be taking a biblical dive into how certain faithful words can be understood. If you would like to lead, please reach out directly to Megan Cunningham at mcunni16@gmail.com

Jewelry Making

Joyce Veazey is offering an opportunity to learn jewelry making! She has supplies and all the energy to help you create unique jewelry. If you are interested, contact Joyce to set up a time meet with her for this exciting opportunity. Please refer to the church directory for contact info.

Thank you note from Marilyn

Dear Church Family,

This is to express my sincere appreciation to each of you for your prayers and well wishes. My spine surgery was successful and I am able to walk pain free! God is truly a healer! I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

In Christ, Marilyn

Please consider contributing to our morning devotions.

Devotions: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1>

Send devotions to vicar@stpaulsdurham.org

Sign-up Genius Links

Please consider volunteering to assist in worship. Click the link to sign-up.

Sunday Worship: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1#/>

Available Opportunities: lector, worship assistant, altar guild, communion assistant, and usher.

UMD Volunteer Update

Amanda Anderson

There has been confusion and mishaps with the Urban Ministries volunteer shift so I'd like to clear things up. I know there have been issues with too many people showing up to volunteer and not enough work to do. I recently learned that before retiring the chef decided he didn't want volunteers to arrive until 12:15 pm. This decision wasn't communicated with or approved by the volunteer coordinator. Moving forward, we're back to the original time frame, 11:30-1:30 pm. We'll help with meal prep before serving lunch just as we did previously, however only four volunteers are needed. To accommodate our monthly Habitat for Humanity volunteer shift, I changed the UMD shift to the fourth Saturday of the month. This change goes into effect in September.

On the administrative side, volunteers must sign up online to participate. That is the only way I can ensure we have the right number of volunteers. As always, please reach out to me with questions about the logistics of volunteering, andersona1129@gmail.com, and confirm your participation by signing up online vs emailing me. Many thanks to the congregation for supporting this critical community program!

You can Sign up here: https://bit.ly/UMD_Signup

Our Afghan family support team is so grateful for your generosity in providing diapers for the past several months. The 2 families have a good supply for the time being, so we will let you know when that changes.

We could use help with funding school supplies. Six of the children are already back in school at Hope Valley Elementary, which shifted to a year-round schedule this year. We purchased supplies for them but foresee more expenses ahead when the other 6 return to school (Githens Middle and Jordan High) at the end of August. As always, thank you for your generosity in sharing with these families.

If you would like to contribute, you may do so through the pew envelope in offering plate or send a check to the church office, designating "school supplies for Afghan families".

Afghan Support Team

(Morris Casper, Jayce Getz, Ann Giehl, Bill Gresham, Phil and Sally Hart, Kim Hoke, Kevin and Ellen Lavery, Shelly McGee, Nan Treul, and Carolyn Ulrich)

PRAYER LIST

Prayers of the Church (Members)

Jan Franzen, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazy, Phyllis and Larry Jenkins, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Mary Bader, John Friedrich, Pat Casper, Karl and Otti Freundt, Anna Snyder, Fran Whitfield, Pat Cashwell, Susan Esposito, Charlie Bock, Leigh Stock, Amanda Highben., Rick Lischer, Ron Brown

Prayers of the Church (Friends)

Kay Matthews and Robert Meissner (Tony Perotte's Mother and Uncle), Diane Johnson (Penni Perotte's friend), Tim and Sue Williams (Friends of the Foremans), Sara Russell (Sister of Anna Snyder), Sayge Lindsay (Grandson of Alta Lindsay), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), MJ Chevalier (Sister of Marcy Brown), Roketta Hudgins (Mother of Greg Hudgins), Gay Reed (Friend of Robin Winfree), Jacki, Stevens, and daughter (Friends of Joan Pepper), Zach Maier (Cousin of Kathy Anderson), Armenia and Artsakh (Friends of Judy Schlegel), William and Barbara Wilson (Parents of Bill Wilson), Linda Leslie (Mother of Sean Slane), Paul DeVries (Brother of Bob DeVries), Gini Rinkus (Friend of the Dominicks), Elaine Williamson (Sister-in-Law of Hudgins), Paul (Son-in-Law of Jan Hunley, Richard Dominick (Brother of Ted Dominick), Burr Hasselbeck and Ruth Parker (Aunt of Pat Casper), Holly Cashwell (Pat Cashwell), Patrick Howell (Friend of Waughs), George and Pat Rose (Friends of Debbie Fulbright), John and Connie Heinz, Gregory and Colleen Davidson, Jack Taylor (Cousin of Dean and Marcia Redman), Debra Jetton (Sister of Bill Wilson), Penny Wagner (Niece of Marcia Wilson), Lynn Hladak (Grandmother to Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw), Cole Cashwell (Grandson of Pat Cashwell), Twila Dahl (Sister-in-law of Bill and Martha Dahl), Dirk Davis (By Debbie Fulbright), Scott Duncan (Stepfather of Bill Elkin), Dave and Missy Pepper (Brother and Family of Joan Pepper), Chuck Johnson and Family (Husband and Family of Leslie Johnson), Vernice Knudsen (Mother of Ken Knudsen), Olga Niktin (By Patrick Chappel), Joan Mayfield (Aunt of Pat Casper), Vera Wiggins and Tony Jeeter (By Amy Elkin), Wini Robison (Aunt of Megan Cunningham), Harvey Coulter (brother-in-law of Marlene Coulter), Jeff Redman (Son of Dean and Marcia Redman), Linda Larson (friend of Marcy and Ron Brown).

David Franzen's brother Steve died at about 7:00 PM at his home in Sioux Falls, surrounded by his wife, Wanda as well as children and grandchildren. This follows a battle with cancer that extended more than twelve years. The funeral will be held at our home congregation, Highlanda Lutheran Church, Langford, SD at a date and time to be determined Please Keep the Franzen family in your prayers..